

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the following paragraph on page 3 beginning on line 4:

--In the sequence listings, SEQ ID No: 6 is the allelic gene of SEQ ID No: 1, consisting of 2264 bases. Its open reading frame starts ~~from 7 to 1129 base~~ **from 17 to 1129 base.** this sequence contains two tandemly arranged 19bp DNA segments, the sequence of which is gcttggagctccagca gct. These 19 bp DNA segments localized in nt 124 - nt 161 in SEQ ID No: 6.-

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Please amend the following paragraph on page 20 beginning on line 20:

--*LAPTM4B* genotypes in genomic DNA from blood of normal individuals and patients with hepatocellular carcinoma were detected by PCR. Two primers were designed and synthesized according to the flanking sequence of 19bp DNA sequence in *LAPTM4B* gene sequence 3:

[[F2]]: **E2** 5' GCCGACTAGGGGACTGGCGGA 3' **(SEQ. ID 9)**

R2: 5' CGAGAGCTCCGAGCTTCTGCC 3' **(SEQ ID/ 10)**--